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Sudan and South Sudan Security Agreement

The United States welcomes the technical agreement signed between Sudan and South Sudan establishing a Safe Demilitarized Border Zone (SDBZ), a firm timeline for the withdrawal of forces, and a way ahead for the deployment of a joint border monitoring force.

At the same time, the parties should begin the immediate implementation of all nine September 27 Cooperation Agreements. Each of these agreements should be implemented independently without conditions or delay.

We commend the parties, the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel and the UN Interim Security Force for Abyei for their continued efforts to implement the African Union Roadmap and UN Security Council Resolution 2046.

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